HELD A LONG AND ANIMATED SESSION MUNDAY NIGHT

The Fire Alarm Controversy Disposed Of-Protest Against Renting New Fire Houses-Elaborate Plan of a New Town Hall Set Forth by Hugh D. King-Assessment Matters Discussed.

The Town Council held a long and animated session Monday night, at which many topics of public concern were discussed. Hugh D. King, a builder from Fairview, addressed the Council on the important subject of municipal owership of public buildings. Mr. King entered a protest against the carrying out by the Council of a plan recently proposed, under which a citizen of the town was to erect a new building and rent it to the town for fire purposes. Mr. King maintained that the town should purchase the property and erect a building, and he claimed that it could be done at a less annuacost to the town than would be paid in re-

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Mr. King then proceeded from the matter of firehouses to a description of an elaborate plan of a Town Hall that would accommodate all the municipal offices, including the fire and police departments. The building be had in mind, he said, could be constructed for from \$17,000 to \$20,000.

Councilmen Moore and Farrand piled Mr. King with a number of questions relative to the scheme he had proposed.

George Roubaud next addressed the Council on the subject of the Washing ton Street dich Mr. Roubaud told of bis long and wearlsome experience in endeavoring to have the nulsance created by the ditch remedied in a satisfactory manner, and emphatically stated that unless some action was taken by the Council at once he would be compelled to take the matter to the courts. Mr. Roubaud said that Mr. McGowan of the Board of Freeholders had told him that the Board would have the ditch cleaned out under the bridge, and if necessary have catch basine built.

Chairman Conlan of the Sewer and Drainage Committee maintained that to simply clean the ditch under the bridge and under the Washington Street culvert was not a satisfactory remedy o' the nulsance, but that the ditch would have to be cleaned out all the way down to Second River, and some people had covered over the ditch, and it was a question as to their legal right to do so, and Mr. Conlan proposed that the Legal Committee investigate that feature of the case.

Councilman Moore of the Legal Committee wanted the Legal Committee clothed with full power to have the ditch cleaned out if the matter was going to be referred to that committee. After considerable discussion the matter was referred to the Sewer Committee

The controversy between the members of Excelsion Hose Company and Superintendent Olsen of the Fire Alarm System again came up before the Council, but was dismissed on the ground Many Second and Third Ward viders that the questions involved were purely personal and outside of the jurisdiction of the Council. Superintendent Oisen was present at the Council meeting, as was also a large delegation of Excelsion Company's members, Chairman Unangst of the Fire Committee asked that Mr. Olsen be called on to state to the Council his side of the case. Councilman Conlan immediately arose and raised the question of the Council's jurisdiction in the matter. Councilman Moore supported Mr. Conlan's view of the case, Councilmen Harrison and Walker advocated the company's side of the controversy and wanted a hearing for both sides. The Town Attorney said that Mr. Olsen took charge of the fire slarm system under & contract and did not stand in the same relation to the Council as a salaried officer of the town. A motion to lay the matter on the table was carried. After the vote had been announced Foreman Wm. Morris of Excelsior Company served notice on the Council to the effect that if Mr. Olsen was not one of the fire officials he would not be permitted to have access to Excelsfor Hose house except at such times as he was notified by the company that the indicator was out of order.

Chief Engineer Bernard F. Higgins of the fire department submitted ble annual report, giving the number of fires, cause, loss and insurance, and the number of men and inventory. The report showed that during the year there were thirty-one slarms, with losses of \$5,895 and insurance thereon of \$5,395. The department consists, he said, of

sixty three mem, as follows: Chief Engineer, two seelstants; Essex Truck Company, eighteen; Phoenix Hose, fourteen; Active Hose, fourteen, and Excelsior Hose, fourteen. The Chief said that during the year the fire alarm system had been equipped with five miles of insulated wire. As to the overhead wires he said: "I still believe that the stringing of wires in the centre of the town is dangerous to pedestrians and interferes with the working of the department. They should be placed under ground."

A petition for a sewer in Grove Street raised a question that has been discussed in the Council before, and relates to the amount of money that should be paid in advance by the petitioners for an

improvement. Mr. Moore suggested a system wherein people making application for lateral sewers or other improvements shall put up a deposit before the work is commenced. He declared this should have been done long ago, as there are now too many who have obtained improvements and show no burry in paying for them. The matter will be finally acted upon at the next meeting of the Council. The application of the Essex Cross Rail. way was again laid over. It. J C. Salle was approved a member of Excelsion Hose Company. Chief of Police Collins reported nineteen arrests during March and \$20 in fines collected. Mr. Walker reported that the expert accountant had examined the books of the Collector, Treasurer and Town Clerk and had found them in excellent shape.

Mr. Unanget called attention to the dangerous crossing at Glenwood Avenue, and of the importance of having the Orange and Passaic Valley Railway Company place troughs on the wires to prevent the trolley pole from slipping off. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee, with a request that the troiley company act in the matter.

sidewalk Improvements. Councilman Farrand on Monday night requested the sidewalk committee to make some repairs to the sidewalk in Montgomery Street near the canal lock. The request called forth from Mr. Moore of the sidewalk committee explanawith respect to its powers in the matter of adevale results and improvements conducts. Soon a statement the no funda and all stoewalk matters must go through a long legal procedure, the same as is followed in the improvement of a street or the putting down of a sewer, and the property owner must initiate such proceedings by petition. Mr. Moore said that there was need of further legislation in regard to sidewalks.

More Water Hydrants On motion of Dr. W. F. Harrison, Chairman of the Water Committee, the Town Council on Monday night ordered a hydrant placed in Jerome Place, and over at the Empire Cream Separator Works. The latter place is difficult to reach from present hydrante, and the judgment of the Council was that the company should be afforded all protection possible from damage by fire.

## A Political Surprise.

To time Epitok of The Chillis: SIR. Local positionals in speculating over the result of Tuesday's circlen attach unusual importance to the vite In the First District of the First Ward. have at different times deserted party afficiations and elected capelliates running on independent tickets, but the First District, First Ward, Republican party workers have always prided them. selves on the fact that their district was invuinerable to independent assaults, and that it could always be relied upon for a good majority for the Republican nominees on the town ticket. In the face of this oft-remated boast the result in the First Dietrice. First Ward, on Tuesday is an increase of the local political surprise, it is a political of understand it. Some application have been volunteered ut bey ave not come from reliable across, and not much weight is attached to them. Some of the First Ward leafer are inclined to get under an umbrella and blame the bad weather as umbrells and blame the bad weather as the cause of the flunk, but the same weather prevailed in the Second Ward, where the situation was much mote difficult to bandle than in the First Ward, First District. It also stormed in the Toird Ward, where there is a larger element of Democratic and independent voters than in any other ward in town. Yet both the Second and Third Wards held up magnificently for the Republican town ticket. First Ward, First District, leaders must plead some other excuse than the weather to satisfactorily explain both the loss of a primary and an

. The First Ward has lost one of the most important of the town offices, and the loss is chargeable solely to the First District of that ward. Tuesday, April 14, 1903, will bereafter be memorable in the annals of political history as the day of the passing of the 'Old Reliable First Dietriet." It will no longer be in order to sulogize that district as one that "never goes back on the ticket." Second and Third Ward Republican leaders who have often been comforted with First Ward condolences when they have had to report humiliating defeate in their respective wards can now return a spoonful or so of the soothing syrup of sympathy. Perhaps after the astonishment and amazement in political circles over the downfall of the First District, First Ward, have sufficiently subsided, some rational causes may be pointed out that brought about the unhappy result.

LOCA POLITICS.

CLOSING DAYS OF A VERY ANIMATED CAMPAIGN.

Both Sides Ready for Battle at the Polls on Tuesday - Much Earnest Work Being Done-Prospects of a Heavy Vote - Republicans Claim They Will Carry the Town for the Entire Ticket

The local political battle will be fought out next Tuesday at the polls, beginning at six o'clock in the morning and continuing until seven o'clock in the evening. The fact that so much earnest and vigorous work was done on registry day in adding names to the registry list is taken as an indication that a large vote will be polled. As a rule the average vote cast in local elections is less than in county or State elections, and very much less than in Presidential elections, the respective averages being 65 per cent, of the total registry for the town election, 75 per cent, for the State election, and 85 per cent. for the Preeldential election. In some of the election districts the contest between the Republican nominees; and those on the Citizens' ticket is no been that record figures for the town tection are looked for. The second District of the First Ward, the Second Ward, and both districts of the Third War, are places e rively is keenest and the most active work is seing done. The Second District, Tirst Tard, Republican leaders ciaim that Mr. Arrand will be elected by a good majority for Gouncilman. Mr. Kocher is unopposed for member of the School Board. The vigorous work being done by Mr. Farrand's friends in his interest, it is claimed, will insure a majority vote in that district for Frank Foster, the Republican nominee for Tax

In the Second Ward the Republican leaders are so confident of the election of Henry Schleich that they are laying wagers to that effect. William A. Baldwin for member of the School Board is unopposed. The Republican leaders in the Second Ward are promising a good mejority in that ward for Frank Foster. The Tuird Ward is always a lively place on the occasion of a local election, and next Tuesday will be no exception to the rule. In the First District of the Third Ward a good majority is promised for Mr. Foster for Collector, and the party leaders are going to make a strong fight for Charles W. Chabot, the Republican nominee for Councilman. The Republican nominees for members of the Board of Education are George E. Bedell and Frederic S. Hall, and they are not opposed. William L. Johnson, the Republican comince for Town Clerk, is not opposed, and as the number of delegates to the Town Convention will be based on the vote cast for Mr. Johnson, it is certain that the next Town Convention of that party will be a large one.

Thomas B. Rawson, the Republican nominee for Assessor, will have no op-

The Citizens' ticket on Tuesday will be an incomplete one, and will not have on it any candidates for Town Clerk or for Assessor or members of the Board of Education. As a consequence of this condition of affairs it is likely that canuldates nominated on the Citizens ticket will make a liberal use of pasters on the Republican party ballots.

J. Howard Hardcastle is the Citizens' ticket candidate for Collector of Taxes, and his friends are making a strong

fight in his behalf. Frank H. Baker is the Citizens' candla date for Councilman in the Third Ward Councilman Dr. W. F. Harrison is a candidate for re-election in the Second Ward, and is making an active and aggreesive fight. Frank N. Unangst, the Citizens' ticket candidate for Councilman in the Third Ward, has been successively elected Tax Assessor and two terms to the Council by the almost solid vote of the district in which be resides, the First District of the Third Ward. His candidacy for a re-election is for a third term as Councilman.

The Irvington Verdict. The Newark Evening News says of the crushing defeat administered by the people of Irvington on Tuesday to appezation to Newark was " not a fair verdict." The News says:

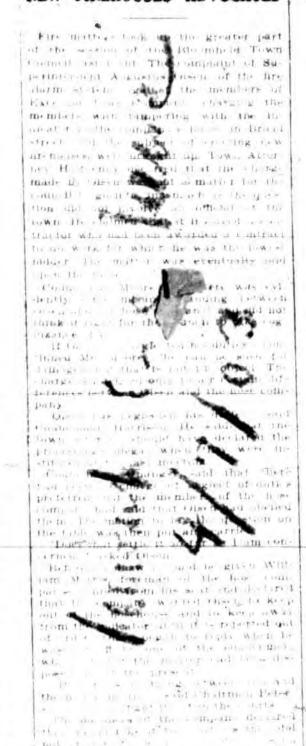
"Although annexation to Newark was voted down at Irvington by a large majority, the question as to whether the great of the people of the township ratio seeing to come into has not been decided by any means. There were about sixteen hundred veters registered at Irvington, but only about five hundred of them recorded their desires in the matter of annexation at the polls. It is thus seen that less than one-third of the legal voters of the township have expressed their sentiments as to the

The justifiable inference is that the people who stayed away from the polls were not enthusiastic for annexation or they would have taken advantage of the opportunity offered to express their approbation of it.

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THE ELECTION.

Frank Foster, the Republican Candidate for Town Collector, Elected-Herbert C. Farrand and Charles W. Chabot, Republican Caudidates for Councilmen, Elected-Dr. W. F. Harrison, Citizens' Ticket Candidate, Elected Councilman in the Second Ward.

Tuesday, April 14, the day of the local election, was a cold, stormy, disagreeable day, and it was only by dint of hard, persevering, personal work that a fairly large vote was polled on that day. The Republican ticket was successful throughout the town with one exception, the Second Ward, where the Citizens' ticket nominee for Councilman, Dr. W. F. Harrison, defeated the Republican nominee, Daniel Schleich. The Second Ward stood in line with the Republican ticket in the vote for Town Collector.

Fifteen hundred and fifty-nine votes were polled in the town on Tuesday, of which 1,224 were Republican tickets and 335 Citizens' tickets. The reason that candidates on the Citizens' ticket ren shead of the vote polled for that tick t was due to the use of pasters on the Republican ticket.

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In the general vote the unopposed candidates received practically the full vote of the Republican ticket. William L. Johnson, the Town Clark, had 1,224 to be, and Tromas B. Rauson for As-

osudidates for members of the of Education names, on the Republican ticket were unopposed, and the newly elected members are Charles F. Kocher ln the Wrst Ward, William A. Baldwin in the Second Ward, and George E. Bedell and Frederic Hall in the Third Ward. The latter two are new men in the Board. Mr. Bedell was elected for the three-year term and Mr. Hall for a one-year term.

In the First Ward 498 votes were cast: in the First District 299, and in the Second District 199. Herbert C. Farrand, Republican candidate for Councilman, got 216 votes in the First District and 46 in the Second, making his total vote 367. Frank H. Baker, Citizens' ticket nominee, got 83 votes in the First District and 46 votes in the Becond; total, 129. Mr. Farrand's majority over Mr. Baker was 240 votes.

In the Second Ward 421 votes were polled. Daniel Schiefch, the Republican candidate, received 171 votes, and his opponent, Dr. W. F. Harrison, 250. Dr. Harrison's majority was 79.

In the Third Ward a total of 640 votes were polied, Charles W. Chabot, the Republican candidate for Councilman. received 93 votes to the First District and 272 in the Second, a total of 365. Frank N. Unanget, Citizens' ticket candidate, received 186 votes in the First District and 85 in the Second, a total of 271. Mr. Chabot's majority over Mr. Unanget was 94.

The only contest in which the general vote of the town was involved was that for the position of Town Collector, and which was won by Frank Foster, the Republican candidate, by a large majurity. Mr. Foster carried every election district in the town but one. His vote was as follows: First Ward, First District, 136; Second District, 118. Second Ward, 247. Third Ward, First District, 170; Second District, 296. Total, 967.

The vote throughout the town for J. Howard Hardcastle, Citizens' ticket candidate for Collector, was as follows: First Ward, First District, 163; Second District, 80. Second Ward, 174. Third Ward. First District, 116; Second District, 62. Total, 589. Mr. Foster's majority over Mr. Hardcastle was 378.

Belleville Avenue Storm Sewer. Last Saturday the commissioners of the West Believille Avenue storm sewer drain presented, through their counsel, C. H. Halfpenny, their report to the Essex Circuit Court of the total amount of the costs, damages and expenses incurred for the work necessary in making the said public improvement, and their estimate and assessment of the benefits any lands specially received by the construction of said drain, which assessmente have been assessed upon the several parcels of land benefited by such improvement in a sum in proportion to the benefit received by each parcel of

Judge Adams directed that public notice by advertisement be given (which notice appears in another column of this paper) that the Court will consider the report and any objections that may be made thereto at the Court House on Saturday, the second day of May Lext. at ten o'clock in the morning.

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